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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CONTINUING GOC INTEREST IN CLAIMS/GOLD SETTLEMENT

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1. AT JULY 11 RECEPTION MARKING FAREWELL OF BULGARIAN
AMBASSADOR VLADYKOV, CHARGE SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH MFA
SIXTH DEPT. DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF
FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK'S ANSWER (REPORTED REFTEL)
TO RECENT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ON THE CLAIMS/GOLD ISSUE.
ZANTOVSKY CONFIRMED HIS AUTHORSHIP OF THE MINISTER'S
STATEMENT AND DESCRIBED IT AS A CAREFULLY PREPARED
UPDATING OF GOC VIEWS ON THE MATTER. HE EMPHASIZED
MAINLY THAT "WHEN WASHINGTON IS READY TO PUT FORWARD
A NEW PROPOSAL, WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN STUDYING IT."
HE DREW ATTENTION TO HIS POSITIVE DESCRIPTION OF US
EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S "CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH" IN WORKING
OUT THE 1974 AGREEMENT IN CONTRAST WITH THE ACTION OF
THE SENATE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE EFFECTIVELY BLOCKING
CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ACCORD -- ESPECIALLY
THROUGH SECTION 408 OF THE TRADE ACT.

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2. ZANTOVSKY HOPED GOC WOULD HEAR BEFORE LONG FROM
USG NOT ONLY ON CLAIMS/GOLD BUT ALSO ON IMPLEMENTATION
PROGRAM FOR THE CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL/SCIENTIFIC/TECH-
NOLOGICAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. HE REGRETTED CONTINUING
STAGNATION OF US-GOC BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. CHARGE SAID DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENTLY REVIEWING

CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS FOR EXCHANGES
ACCORD (PRAGUE 1828) AND THOUGH US DRAFTS MIGHT WELL
BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE MINISTRY IN NEAR FUTURE
-- PERHAPS IN EARLY FALL. ZANTOVSKY HOPED TO SEE THEM
BEFORE DEPARTING FOR SUMMER LEAVE DURING AUGUST. ON
CLAIMS/GOLD, CHARGE TOOK POSITION THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION
WAS DOUBTLESS STUDYING MEANS OF CARRYING OUT THE
CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE TO RENOGOTIATE THE 1974 DRAFT SETTLEMENT.
CHARGE SUGGESTED AMBASSADOR BYRNE MIGHT RETURN FROM HOME
LEAVE WITH SOME FRESH THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE FALL
-- A SUGGESTION THAT ZANTOVSKY APPEARED TO WELCOME.
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